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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles E. Allen
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT: USSR -- Unusual Military Activity

1. Attached is a warning note on some anomalous activities that have occurred in the Soviet Union over the last 2-3 weeks, indicating a continuing Soviet focus on maintaining readiness for nuclear war. We do not know whether these activities are directly related but, in some cases, we have not seen these activities for several years. We cannot draw any definitive conclusions from the events noted in the attachment but the rehearsals for launching an ASAT missile, the large air defense exercise, civil defense planning, rehearsals for launching a Soviet ERCS, and flying for unusual strike profile against Alaskan air defenses reflects at a minimum Soviet determination to maintain its war readiness during this era of glasnost and progress on arms control.

2. I have shown the attached note to the NIO/SP and the NIO/USSR, but the views expressed in the attachment are those of the NIO/W.


Charles E. Allen

Attachment:
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